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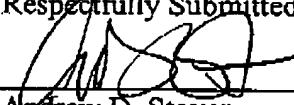
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claim 21 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In response, and in order to expedite the prosecution, Applicants have rewritten claim 21 in independent form, and amended all pending claims to depend from claim 21. Accordingly, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

No additional claims fees are occasioned by this amendment. If for any reason this application is not considered to be in condition for allowance and an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4713.

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